

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2008
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- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee convened on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 9:08 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** David R. Boehm, L.C.S.W., Chair
Francis N. Nelson, Jr., L.C.S.W.
Susan Horne-Quatannens, L.C.S.W.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Oppen, Adjudication Specialist
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Langston, Consultant
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Louise Del Maestro, L.C.S.W.**
License No. 0904-006616
Case # 115164
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Del Maestro appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated January 29, 2008, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Del Maestro was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations outlined in the notice with Ms. Del Maestro.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson and duly seconded by Mr. Boehm, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Louise Del Maestro, LCSW. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Oppen and Ms. Chappell attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson and duly seconded by Mr. Boehm, the Committee voted to accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law, as read by Peter Oppen, and sanctions. Mr. Boehm reported that Ms. Del Maestro would be issued a reprimand along with restriction on supervising applicants for licensure for a period of two years from the date the Order was entered.

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Ms. Del Maestro, unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing is received from Ms. Del Maestro within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

David R. Boehm, L.C.S.W., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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